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TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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JOB GROWTH INCREASE CONTINUES

Jobless Rate Declines

The number of unemployed Texans declined by 40,400 between February and March in the actual (not seasonally adjusted) series. The March actual unemployment rate for the State was 7.4 percent, down from 7.9 percent in February, but up from the year-ago rate of 6.4 percent. There were an estimated 641,700 Texans looking for work in mid-March, while total employment rose over the month to a level of 8,057,100.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate rose from 7.3 percent in February to 7.6 percent in March. In March 1991 the rate was 6.7 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate remained the same over the month at 7.3 percent. The year-ago rate was 6.7 percent. The actual rate for the Nation fell from 8.1 percent in February to 7.7 percent in March. The year-ago rate was 7.1 percent.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas rose by 18,100 from February to March. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,209,700 in March, up by 74,200 from one year ago. The current over-the-month increase was, however, less than half as large as the growth recorded in March 1990 and in March 1989, a sign that the State's economy is still rather stagnant.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** rose by 20,400 from February. At 6,234,700, this was up by 86,500 from March '91.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reported the largest Nonmanufacturing gain, rising by 9,400 over the month. Eating and Drinking Places within Retail Trade showed a seasonal increase of 9,200 from February. Seasonal influences also played a part in the increase of 2,000 in Building Materials and Garden Supplies. Other Retail gains were seen in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations which went up by 600, and in Food Stores, which rose by 300. Wholesale Trade also

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar.'92	Feb. '92	Mar.'91
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,797.0	125,385.0	124,443.0
Unemployment	9,691.0	10,161.0	8,804.0
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	8.1%	7.1%
Total Employment	116,106.0	115,224.0	115,639.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	126,591.0	126,287.0	125,250.0
Unemployment	9,243.0	9,244.0	8,416.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.3%	6.7%
Total Employment	117,348.0	117,043.0	116,834.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,698.8	8,648.2	8,527.9
Unemployment	641.7	682.1	549.9
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.9%	6.4%
Total Employment	8,057.1	7,966.1	7,978.0
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,768.0	8,723.0	8,598.0
Unemployment	667.0	637.0	572.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6%	7.3%	6.7%
Total Employment	8,101.0	8,086.0	8,026.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'92*	Feb.'92**	Mar.'91**	Mar.'92*	Feb.'92**	Mar.'91**	Mar.'92*	Feb.'92**	Mar.'91**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,800	51,500	50,500	97,600	96,700	96,100	460,200	456,400	446,300
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,500	2,800	5,600	5,700	4,700	23,800	23,900	20,200
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.8%	5.5%	5.7%	5.9%	4.9%	5.2%	5.2%	4.5%
Total Employment ++	48,400	48,000	47,700	92,000	91,000	91,400	436,400	432,500	426,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	178,500	177,000	170,600	95,400	94,700	92,800	112,800	112,500	108,900
Total Unemployment	14,900	15,900	10,800	7,200	7,700	4,700	14,400	16,100	13,900
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	9.0%	6.3%	7.5%	8.1%	5.1%	12.8%	14.3%	12.8%
Total Employment ++	163,600	161,100	159,800	88,200	87,000	88,100	98,400	96,400	95,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,700	65,000	64,400	168,500	167,300	164,400	1,458.6	1,452.0	1,438.2
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,700	2,000	15,900	17,000	11,700	101.6	106.9	80.6
Percent Unemployed	3.5%	4.2%	3.1%	9.4%	10.2%	7.1%	7.0%	7.4%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	63,400	62,300	62,400	152,600	150,300	152,700	1,357.0	1,345.1	1,357.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	256,600	255,700	250,500	738,600	735,200	735,100	114,500	113,300	110,100
Total Unemployment	27,500	29,400	27,200	50,900	54,000	46,200	9,300	10,000	7,500
Percent Unemployed	10.7%	11.5%	10.9%	6.9%	7.3%	6.3%	8.1%	8.8%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	229,100	226,300	223,300	687,700	681,200	688,900	105,200	103,300	102,600
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,780.1	1,770.1	1,741.9	99,500	99,200	95,900	56,300	56,200	56,300
Total Unemployment	121.1	125.8	90.8	7,800	8,400	6,500	5,100	5,500	6,700
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.1%	5.2%	7.8%	8.5%	6.8%	9.1%	9.8%	11.9%
Total Employment ++	1,659.0	1,644.3	1,651.1	91,700	90,800	89,400	51,200	50,700	49,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,500	82,200	79,800	116,600	115,800	114,600	165,100	166,700	170,000
Total Unemployment	7,700	8,100	6,100	7,400	7,900	5,900	28,000	31,800	33,700
Percent Unemployed	9.3%	9.9%	7.6%	6.3%	6.8%	5.1%	17.0%	19.1%	19.8%
Total Employment ++	74,800	74,100	73,700	109,200	107,900	108,700	137,100	134,900	136,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,000	49,700	48,000	55,000	54,800	52,200	45,500	45,100	43,500
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,500	2,400	5,100	5,100	3,100	2,800	2,900	2,100
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.0%	5.0%	9.3%	9.3%	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	46,500	46,200	45,600	49,900	49,700	49,100	42,700	42,200	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	617,900	612,200	606,300	46,900	46,900	46,800	58,500	58,300	56,600
Total Unemployment	40,200	43,900	39,100	3,400	3,600	3,100	4,600	4,800	3,800
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	7.2%	6.4%	7.2%	7.7%	6.6%	7.9%	8.2%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	577,700	568,300	567,200	43,500	43,300	43,700	53,900	53,500	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,700	75,400	75,900	39,100	38,600	37,100	93,500	92,800	92,500
Total Unemployment	5,200	5,600	4,900	2,400	2,400	1,600	6,000	6,200	5,200
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	7.4%	6.5%	6.1%	6.2%	4.3%	6.4%	6.7%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	70,500	69,800	71,000	36,700	36,200	35,500	87,500	86,600	87,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,700	55,200	54,500				8,698.8	8,648.2	8,527.9
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,100	3,700				641.7	682.1	549.9
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.4%	6.8%				7.4%	7.9%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	51,700	51,100	50,800				8,057.1	7,966.1	7,978.0

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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increased by 300. Other Retail Trade experienced the largest decrease in Trade overall. It fell by 1,900 from February. General Merchandise Stores declined by 700, while Apparel and Accessory Stores decreased by 400 over the month.

Services rose by 5,300 from one month ago. Other Services and Miscellaneous showed the largest gain in this sector, rising by 4,100. This was due mostly to increases in Booster Clubs, Fraternal Associations, and Parent-Teacher Associations as they prepared for increased seasonal activities. Health Services went up by 1,200 over the month due to an ongoing need for more extended care facilities and more complete health care facilities. Amusement, Including Motion Pictures rose by 900 due to seasonal hiring. The outdoor sports and rodeo circuit across the State created most of the increase in temporary jobs. Engineering and Management Services was up by 600, while Educational Services rose by 200 over the month. Three declines occurred in Services. They were in Business and Repair Services, down by 1,100, in Personal Services and in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, both down by 300 from February.

Total **Government** increased over the month by 3,100 jobs. Local Government showed the largest gain in this sector, up by 1,700. Expanded business and election coverage for primaries required additional hiring in local administrative government. State Government increased by 1,200, while Federal Government rose by 200.

Spurred by lower interest rates and the return of more favorable weather, the **Construction** industry enjoyed a significant expansion in March, adding 2,000 jobs. General Building Contractors and Heavy Construction, Except Building gained the majority of the new positions.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate showed an overall increase of 800 over the month. The only decline in the F.I.R.E. sector appeared in Depository Institutions, Including Banks, down by 400. This decrease contributed to the sizeable negative movement from employment levels of a year ago.

Transportation and Public Utilities went up by 200 over the month. Other Transportation registered a gain of 200 with half of that recorded in Transportation by Air. Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services increased by 100, while Communications fell by that same amount.

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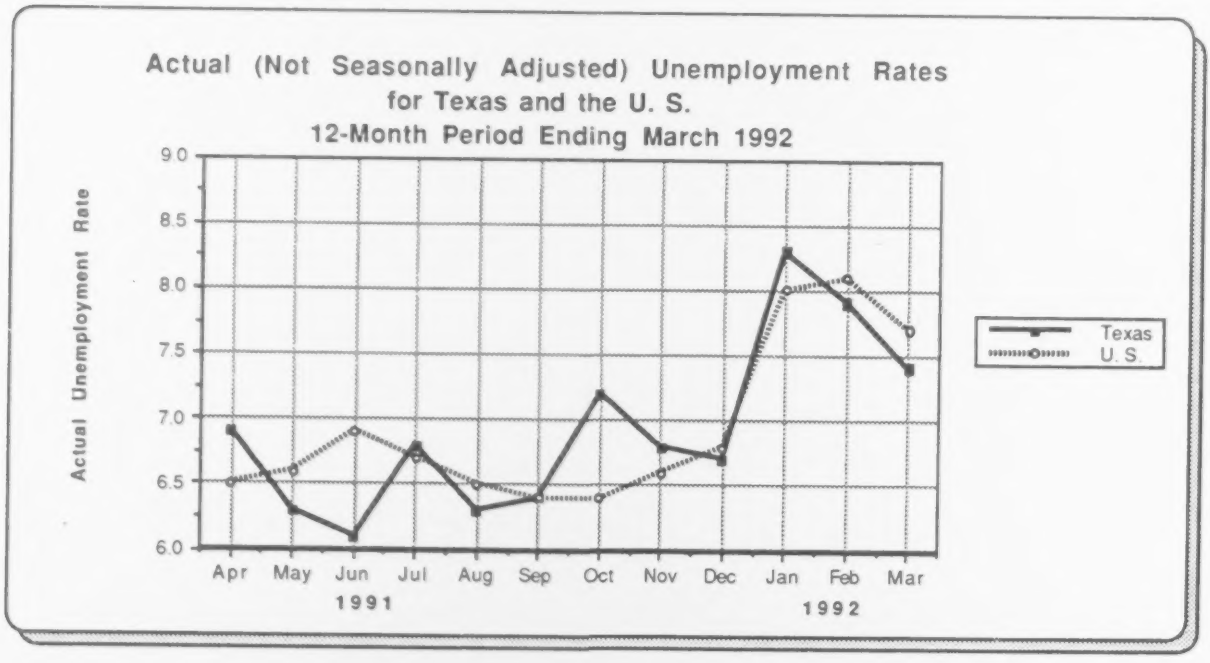

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	MAR. '92*	FEB. '92**	MAR. '91**	Chg. from FEB. '92	Chg. from MAR. '91
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,209,700**	**7,191,600**	**7,135,500**	**18,100**	**74,200**
MANUFACTURING	**975,000**	**977,300**	**987,300**	**-2,300**	**-12,300**
Durable Goods	**548,600**	**551,700**	**568,400**	**-3,100**	**-19,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,100	30,000	29,600	100	500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,300	6,300	6,700	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,500	16,400	15,900	100	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,200	34,300	34,600	-100	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,600	14,600	15,000	0	-400
Primary Metal Industries	30,200	30,200	31,100	0	-900
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,100	80,800	83,100	-700	-3,000
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	38,600	38,800	39,400	-200	-800
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	114,800	114,500	119,900	300	-5,100
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	25,800	26,000	29,300	-200	-3,500
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	100,500	101,000	105,500	-500	-5,000
Transportation Equipment	84,400	86,800	91,400	-2,400	-7,000
Aircraft & Parts	59,500	59,500	63,700	0	-4,200
Instruments & Related Prod.	40,900	40,900	41,100	0	-200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	16,900	16,800	16,200	100	700
Nondurable Goods	**426,400**	**425,600**	**418,900**	**800**	**7,500**
Food & Kindred Products	95,000	95,100	96,000	-100	-1,000
Meat Products	30,300	30,700	30,400	-400	-100
Dairy Products	4,300	4,200	4,200	100	100
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	10,200	0	-100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	200
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,000	3,900	100	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,400	58,400	55,500	0	2,900
Paper & Allied Products	25,300	25,300	25,000	0	300
Printing & Publishing	76,300	76,100	75,400	200	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,500	36,300	35,600	200	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	87,200	87,200	84,500	0	2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,400	30,200	29,300	200	1,100
Petroleum Refining	27,500	27,400	26,400	100	1,100
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	41,900	41,600	41,600	300	300
Leather & Leather Products	7,700	7,600	7,600	100	100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,234,700**	**6,214,300**	**6,148,200**	**20,400**	**86,500**
Mining	**176,000**	**176,400**	**187,300**	**-400**	**-11,300**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,100	9,500	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	166,800	167,300	177,800	-500	-11,000
Construction	**343,600**	**341,600**	**344,800**	**2,000**	**-1,200**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**432,700**	**432,500**	**429,100**	**200**	**3,600**
Railroad Transportation	16,800	16,800	17,200	0	-400
Other Transportation	248,400	248,200	241,800	200	6,600
Transportation by Air	79,900	79,800	76,700	100	3,200
Communications	87,900	88,000	90,000	-100	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,600	79,500	80,100	100	-500
Electric Services	40,100	40,000	40,500	100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,500	28,100	-100	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,726,600**	**1,717,200**	**1,715,500**	**9,400**	**11,100**
Wholesale Trade	433,300	433,000	435,000	300	-1,700
Retail Trade	1,293,300	1,284,200	1,280,500	9,100	12,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,000	39,000	41,300	2,000	-300
General Merchandise Stores	168,200	168,900	169,100	-700	-900
Food Stores	239,400	239,100	234,400	300	5,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,900	132,300	132,100	600	800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	74,800	75,200	79,700	-400	-4,900
Eating & Drinking Places	451,100	441,900	436,500	9,200	14,600
Other Retail Trade	185,900	187,800	187,400	-1,900	-1,500
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**428,400**	**427,600**	**427,600**	**800**	**800**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	119,000	119,400	121,700	-400	-2,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,800	144,400	142,900	400	1,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	164,600	163,800	163,000	800	1,600
Services	**1,812,800**	**1,807,500**	**1,751,900**	**5,300**	**60,900**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,900	82,200	83,200	-300	-1,300
Personal Services	84,400	84,700	82,000	-300	2,400
Business & Repair Services	448,000	449,100	449,300	-1,100	-1,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	89,300	88,400	77,900	900	11,400
Health Services	531,100	529,900	494,700	1,200	36,400
Educational Services	91,400	91,200	88,900	200	2,500
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	158,200	157,600	154,400	600	3,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	328,500	324,400	321,500	4,100	7,000
Total Government	**1,314,600**	**1,311,500**	**1,292,000**	**3,100**	**22,600**
Federal Government	200,000	199,800	196,800	200	3,200
State Government	288,300	287,100	275,700	1,200	12,600
Local Government	826,300	824,600	819,500	1,700	6,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'92*	Feb. '92**	Mar.'91**	Mar.'92*	Feb. '92**	Mar.'91**	Mar.'92*	Feb. '92**	Mar.'91**	Mar.'92*	Feb. '92**	Mar.'91**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,300	49,300	48,600	79,400	79,200	79,000	396,000	395,700	389,200	153,100	152,400	149,900
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,200	8,900	8,900	8,700	51,200	51,200	50,600	25,900	25,900	25,800
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,600	800	800	900	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,300	2,600	2,700	2,900	12,700	12,600	12,300	16,900	16,400	17,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	5,600	5,500	5,400	13,000	13,100	12,300	10,000	10,000	9,700
Trade	13,100	13,000	12,900	22,800	22,500	22,200	78,400	78,700	77,300	33,100	33,000	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,100	4,200	4,200	23,100	23,100	23,100	5,100	5,100	4,900
Services & Misc.	15,000	15,100	14,900	18,700	18,600	18,800	102,200	101,500	99,000	37,800	37,700	36,000
Government	9,200	9,200	9,200	15,900	16,000	15,900	114,700	114,800	113,900	22,300	22,300	22,100
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	71,700	71,200	71,700	80,400	79,900	78,000	58,100	57,600	57,400	135,200	134,300	135,300
Manufacturing	17,400	17,400	17,100	11,900	11,800	11,400	4,000	3,800	3,500	12,900	12,800	12,800
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,300	—	—	—	700	600	600	3,500	3,600	3,900
Construction	11,300	11,100	12,000	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,900	11,100	11,000	11,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,900	6,800	6,900
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,500	21,900	21,700	21,600	12,000	12,300	11,800	31,800	31,500	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,800	3,700	3,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	5,900	5,800	6,200
Services & Misc.	11,100	10,800	10,700	19,000	18,700	17,900	10,900	11,000	11,100	33,100	32,900	32,200
Government	12,600	12,500	12,300	17,900	18,100	17,600	25,700	25,000	25,300	30,000	29,900	30,200
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,372.7	1,371.1	1,375.4	212,500	211,600	208,000	582,600	581,200	584,500	78,600	77,800	77,200
Manufacturing	209.2	210.1	216.1	40,600	40,700	40,400	100,900	102,900	110,900	8,600	8,700	8,700
Mining	17.7	17.8	18.3	—	—	—	4,200	4,200	4,400	700	700	700
Construction	42.9	42.2	46.1	8,100	8,000	7,900	19,600	19,100	21,200	4,400	4,200	4,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.2	85.0	82.9	10,700	10,700	10,600	59,000	58,700	57,100	5,500	5,500	4,900
Trade	354.5	352.6	351.6	53,300	52,900	52,100	145,300	144,500	147,000	16,300	15,900	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.7	126.4	127.7	8,100	8,200	8,100	27,800	27,800	28,700	5,400	5,500	5,400
Services & Misc.	368.9	368.9	366.3	45,200	44,700	43,700	145,800	144,000	139,600	14,500	14,200	14,200
Government	168.6	168.1	166.4	46,500	46,400	45,200	80,000	80,000	75,600	23,200	23,100	22,500
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,629.7	1,628.2	1,624.3	75,200	75,000	73,600	48,800	48,600	47,200	71,000	70,500	70,100
Manufacturing	179.9	180.2	182.4	8,000	7,900	8,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	16,300	15,800	16,200
Mining	67.4	67.8	70.1	—	—	—	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,400	3,400	3,600
Construction	111.9	111.2	115.1	2,300	2,300	2,400	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,800	3,800	3,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	111.0	111.4	114.3	2,600	2,600	2,500	7,400	7,400	7,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	377.1	375.9	376.1	16,400	16,500	15,900	14,900	14,900	14,600	17,400	17,400	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.2	98.5	100.5	3,200	3,200	3,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	462.8	462.5	449.1	18,800	18,600	17,900	8,500	8,200	7,900	14,600	14,600	14,300
Government	221.4	220.7	216.7	23,900	23,900	23,200	10,900	10,900	10,500	9,400	9,400	9,300
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	97,900	97,800	97,800	106,000	105,700	104,500	46,100	46,300	45,100	45,100	45,400	44,700
Manufacturing	6,900	6,900	7,000	12,800	12,600	13,300	2,300	2,400	2,200	4,400	4,400	4,500
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,500	9,500	9,600	5,300	5,300	5,200
Construction	4,000	3,800	3,100	4,400	4,400	4,300	1,400	1,400	1,200	2,600	2,700	2,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,300	5,400	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200
Trade	27,000	26,700	27,800	32,400	32,500	31,500	10,900	10,900	10,600	12,200	12,300	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,800	3,800	3,800	3,900	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,400
Services & Misc.	26,100	26,200	25,600	19,200	19,000	18,900	10,000	10,100	9,500	8,900	9,000	8,700
Government	23,800	24,000	23,600	29,500	29,500	28,600	7,500	7,500	7,300	8,100	8,100	8,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	37,800	38,100	37,200	532,800	529,600	524,500	37,000	37,100	37,200	47,200	47,000	46,300
Manufacturing	5,000	5,100	5,100	45,900	46,000	45,200	10,000	10,000	10,700	6,200	6,200	6,900
Mining	500	500	600	1,800	1,900	1,900	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,000	1,000	1,100	22,100	22,200	21,800	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	23,000	23,100	22,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trade	9,200	9,300	8,900	128,200	127,200	128,400	7,700	7,700	7,600	11,300	11,100	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	38,100	38,100	38,900	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,600	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,100	9,500	149,500	147,100	144,900	9,600	9,600	9,200	12,100	12,000	11,200
Government	7,600	7,800	7,600	124,200	124,000	120,900	4,500	4,600	4,500	12,300	12,300	11,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	63,400	63,100	64,200	30,900	30,700	30,000	82,700	82,800	82,900	50,100	50,300	49,500
Manufacturing	10,900	10,800	11,000	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,100	15,100	15,900	8,000	8,000	8,100
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,400	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,000	16,000	16,200	8,500	8,500	7,900	19,000	18,800	18,900	11,600	11,700	11,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,700	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,200	2,200	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,400	16,400	16,200	7,200	7,200	6,800	23,400	23,600	22,600	12,800	12,800	12,300
Government	10,200	10,100	10,800	5,500	5,400	5,400	13,700	13,800	13,800	10,000	10,100	9,900

+ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92*	Feb.'92	Mar.'91	Mar.'92*	Feb.'92	Mar.'91	Mar.'92*	Feb.'92	Mar.'91
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 466.15	$ 463.36	$ 447.20	42.3	42.2	41.6	$ 11.02	$10.98	$10.75
Durable Goods	450.27	451.12	438.27	42.2	42.2	41.7	10.67	10.69	10.51
Lumber & Wood Products	321.06	317.34	307.65	42.3	41.7	41.8	7.59	7.61	7.36
Furniture & Fixtures	317.34	324.53	286.52	41.0	41.5	37.8	7.74	7.82	7.58
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	427.28	416.78	415.70	43.6	43.1	42.9	9.80	9.67	9.69
Primary Metal Industries	504.88	508.23	474.76	43.3	43.7	41.5	11.66	11.63	11.44
Fabricated Metal Products	429.17	425.46	417.18	42.2	42.0	42.7	10.17	10.13	9.77
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	447.20	444.32	455.62	43.0	42.6	43.6	10.40	10.43	10.45
Oil Field Machinery	545.62	542.08	577.80	46.2	45.9	49.3	11.81	11.81	11.72
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	441.34	444.80	435.97	39.3	40.4	39.1	11.23	11.01	11.15
Transportation Equipment	622.81	629.59	576.85	42.6	42.8	41.5	14.62	14.71	13.90
Instruments & Related Prod.	437.38	442.80	420.04	42.3	42.7	41.1	10.34	10.37	10.22
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	332.73	318.33	283.42	41.8	40.5	37.0	7.96	7.86	7.66
Nondurable Goods	485.35	478.55	457.47	42.5	42.2	41.4	11.42	11.34	11.05
Food & Kindred Products	390.15	383.95	380.33	42.5	42.1	42.4	9.18	9.12	8.97
Meat Products	288.97	283.20	282.24	40.7	40.0	42.0	7.10	7.08	6.72
Malt Beverages	922.14	907.44	1,022.69	47.0	45.9	53.6	19.62	19.77	19.08
Textile Mill Products	365.84	372.91	349.86	43.5	44.5	43.3	8.41	8.38	8.08
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	242.26	239.71	215.99	38.7	38.6	36.3	6.26	6.21	5.95
Paper & Allied Products	526.80	520.70	511.00	43.9	43.5	43.9	12.00	11.97	11.64
Printing & Publishing	439.30	425.25	428.93	39.9	38.8	39.9	11.01	10.96	10.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	760.35	758.70	734.71	44.7	45.0	44.1	17.01	16.85	16.66
Petroleum & Coal Products	905.82	899.62	794.77	47.7	47.7	44.5	18.99	18.86	17.86
Petroleum Refining	942.62	934.49	825.55	47.8	47.8	44.6	19.72	19.55	18.51
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	425.20	413.84	389.75	44.2	43.7	41.2	9.62	9.47	9.46
Leather & Leather Products	281.87	267.44	275.93	39.7	39.1	41.0	7.10	6.84	6.73
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	672.11	677.82	641.17	43.9	44.1	44.9	15.31	15.37	14.28
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	649.04	658.52	620.54	47.1	48.2	48.9	13.78	13.60	12.69
Oil & Gas Extraction	671.88	680.45	643.23	43.6	43.9	44.7	15.41	15.50	14.39
Communications	558.87	573.09	525.20	41.8	42.8	39.4	13.37	13.39	13.33
Elec., Gas & San. Services	573.53	579.60	566.04	41.5	42.0	42.4	13.82	13.80	13.35
Wholesale & Retail Trade	259.12	257.87	248.95	32.8	32.6	32.5	7.90	7.91	7.66
Wholesale Trade	452.65	453.78	432.92	40.2	40.3	39.9	11.26	11.26	10.85
Retail Trade	199.47	197.21	191.14	30.5	30.2	30.1	6.54	6.53	6.35
General Merchandise Stores	198.90	193.05	189.04	30.6	29.7	29.4	6.50	6.50	6.43
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	347.99	350.73	321.71	39.1	39.1	36.6	8.90	8.97	8.79

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 449.17	$ 437.78	$ 433.89	41.9	41.3	41.6	$ 10.72	$ 10.60	$ 10.43
Durable Goods	459.95	451.69	452.45	41.4	41.1	41.7	11.11	10.99	10.85
Nondurable Goods	431.54	415.00	402.82	42.6	41.5	41.4	10.13	10.00	9.73
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	485.80	492.79	465.28	41.1	41.1	40.6	11.82	11.99	11.46
Durable Goods	505.51	517.75	483.57	40.8	40.8	40.5	12.39	12.69	11.94
Nondurable Goods	449.70	446.84	425.95	41.6	41.8	40.8	10.81	10.69	10.44
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	563.64	566.60	560.45	44.0	44.3	44.8	12.81	12.79	12.51
Durable Goods	483.56	480.92	488.70	44.0	43.8	45.0	10.99	10.98	10.86
Nondurable Goods	670.12	681.58	664.54	44.0	44.9	44.6	15.23	15.18	14.90
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	348.55	341.92	320.35	42.3	41.8	39.5	8.24	8.18	8.11
Durable Goods	362.04	358.64	329.83	43.1	42.9	39.5	8.40	8.36	8.35
Nondurable Goods	336.94	326.01	311.66	41.7	40.7	39.5	8.08	8.01	7.89

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Mining lost 400 jobs over the month. This was reflected in Oil and Gas Extraction, which lost 500 jobs from February. Metal and Coal and Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuel showed a gain of 100.

Manufacturing lost 2,300 jobs from February and 12,300 jobs from March '91. **Durable Goods** fell by 3,100 over the month. The largest Durable decrease was in Transportation Equipment. **Nondurable Goods** gained 800 jobs from February. The largest increase in Nondurables was found in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, up by 300 over the month.

Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 640,800 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by four cents from February to March 1992. Average Weekly Hours were up by one-tenth of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $2.79 over the month. This was $18.95 above the March '91 level of $447.20 per week.

In mid-March a worker, on average, was earning $11.02 per hour for a 42.3-hour work week and making $466.15 in average weekly earnings.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	MAR.'92	MAR.'91
Total Population	17,590,600*	17,228,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.5	2.1
UI Covered Employers	328,113	319,843
Total Claims Actions	876,575	689,841
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,033	66,272
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	795,542	623,569
Total Placements	28,551	28,259
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$166.82	$161.39
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	101,737,658	75,259,536

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FIRST QUARTER 1992 (JAN.-MAR.)

Abilene	$2,105,404
Amarillo	3,498,495
Austin	15,081,628
Beaumont-Port Arthur	10,898,579
Brazoria	5,288,598
Brownsville-Harlingen	8,282,243
Bryan-College Station	1,435,068
Corpus Christi	10,730,093
Dallas	85,647,647
El Paso	16,056,044
Fort Worth-Arlington	45,599,786
Galveston-Texas City	7,203,492
Houston	92,540,081
Killeen-Temple	3,617,728
Laredo	2,558,710
Longview-Marshall	5,850,439
Lubbock	4,386,568
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	15,108,366
Midland	2,218,763
Odessa	3,355,760
San Angelo	1,786,469
San Antonio	25,355,411
Sherman-Denison	2,863,225
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,946,822
Tyler	3,811,135
Victoria	1,380,188
Waco	4,567,003
Wichita Falls	2,847,951

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